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PSC SETS HEARING SCHEDULE IN TELEPHONE COMPLAINT CASE

Jefferson City (August 11, 2004)---The Missouri Public Service Commission will hold hearings in November in a PSC Staff complaint case against BPS Telephone Company (BPS).

Based upon an audit of the books and records of the telephone company, the PSC Staff has alleged BPS is overearning and its telephone revenues should be reduced by approximately \$898,000 a year. Staff is seeking to lower the telephone company's intrastate access rates (rates that long distance providers pay to BPS for access to its telephone system to complete a long distance call).

Hearings will be held **November 8, 2004 through November 10, 2004**, in the Commission's offices located in the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, in Jefferson City. The Governor Office Building meets the accessibility standards of the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA). Any person who needs additional accommodations to participate in the hearings should call the Public Service Commission's hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the hearing.

BPS Telephone Company serves approximately 3,900 access lines in southeast Missouri.

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Case No. TC-2002-1076